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Nuclear Forensics Undergraduate Summer School

June 18 through July 28, 2017
University of Utah

Application Deadline February 5, 2017

Apply at: <http://www.lanl.gov/org/padste/adcles/chemistry/inorganic-isotope-actinide/nuclear-forensics/index.php>

Who Can Apply: Undergraduate students specializing in the physical sciences who are U.S. citizens. Applicants must submit a cover letter, a current resume, a university transcript (if unofficial, must include a spring 2017 schedule), and a letter of recommendation from a faculty member or technical reference. Please address the following questions in your cover letter:

1. Why are you interested in this program?
2. How would you benefit from this program?
3. What are your career goals and how does this program relate to them?

Students will be notified of selection in March, 2017.

Stipend: Each student will receive financial compensation to cover tuition, fees, housing, and meals, as well as a \$5,000 stipend. A portion of the stipend will be used to cover travel costs to and from the Univ. of Utah and travel costs for a visit to a National Laboratory.

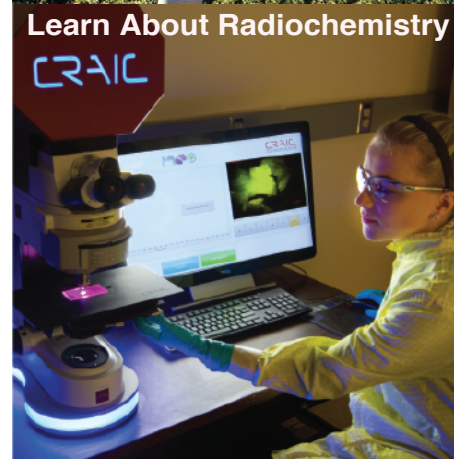
Purpose: This six-week summer school will be held June 18 through July 28 at the University of Utah campus in Salt Lake City, UT. The course is designed to provide comprehensive, experimental, hands-on training in topics essential to nuclear forensics. The goal is to foster interest for students to pursue graduate studies in scientific disciplines related to nuclear forensics.

Technical Focus: Students will be trained in topical areas such as: • *Nuclear Decay* • *Atomic and Nuclear Structure* • *Nuclear Material Processes and Uses* • *The Nuclear Fuel Cycle* • *Radiation Detection* • *Standard Analytical Methods* • *Environmental Radiochemistry*.

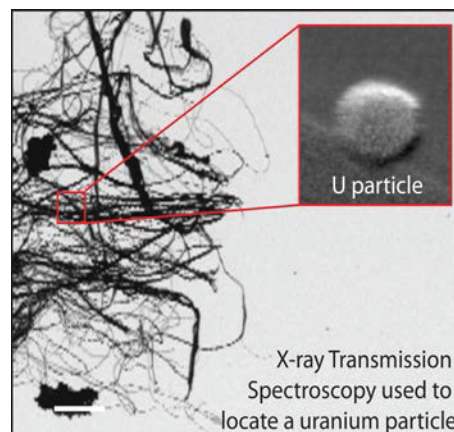
Objectives: The course includes a combination of laboratory work and lectures, many of which are given by preeminent experts in the nuclear forensics community from Department of Energy National Laboratories and federal agencies. Coursework will cover major topics in nuclear- and radio-chemistry, as well as in the chemical and physical characterization of actinide-bearing materials. At the completion of this summer school, students will understand:

- *The chart of nuclides (and be able to use it)* • *Different modes of radioactive decay* • *Components of the nucleus and how it influences nuclear properties* • *How fission is induced and the resulting products* • *Radiation detection and mass spectroscopy, and be able to determine isotope concentration or ratios* • *The fundamental components and chemistry in the nuclear fuel cycle* • *The chemistry of key radio-nuclides in applications important to nuclear forensics* • *The application of analytical methods in characterizing materials* • *Contemporary issues in nuclear forensics*.

Field Trip: The 2017 Nuclear Forensics Undergraduate Summer School will include a field trip to a National Laboratory to provide participants a first-hand view of an operational environment.



Learn about nuclear forensics



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